

IN VENEZUELAN WATERS.

Where the Next Drama That Will Startle the World May Be Enacted.

IMPORTANT HISTORY MAY BE MADE.

Great Britain and Germany May Go Too Far in Their Programme of Coercing Venezuela, and Uncle Sam May Be Forced to Take a Hand in the Fracas.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—The Post-Dispatch contains the following Washington special:

Twelve European ships of war to seize Venezuelan custom houses and otherwise terrorize a little South American republic.

That is the way the German-British Venezuelan situation appears to the officials here.

A slight misunderstanding between the United States and Great Britain and Germany as to the declared intention of these powers to proceed at once to crush Venezuela may make important history within the next two weeks.

It is not denied here that this latest phase of an aggravated case which was about to be settled is one of considerable concern to the administration.

This magnificent show of intimidating foreign force is all because the predecessors of President Castro failed to pay about \$2,000,000 of interest guaranteed to German citizens who advanced money to build a railway from Caracas to Valencia. That is the main point, but Great Britain has chosen to make joint cause with Germany because she avers that some of her citizens were maltreated during the recent revolution, and because President Castro's little ships dared to notify the British cruiser Retribution that there existed a blockade of the Orinoco river.

The United States did not believe that the blockade was effective, but it refrained as a friendly act from joining the British and German ministers at Caracas about a month ago when they declared that there was no blockade.

This was as it appears now, to give Great Britain a chance to get into the dangerous game she and Germany are now playing.

It happens that Admiral Dewey will be, on Saturday, in command of the greatest fleet of the United States at Culebra, and will be in close call if his services with one or more ships should be needed at La Guayra, which is the rendezvous of the Anglo-German squadrons.

The most interesting phase of the new situation is that the officials suspect Germany and Great Britain, each great naval powers, have made common cause to see how far they can go against the Monroe doctrine.

If that be on the cards the action of Germany and Great Britain is the most serious and important which has confronted the United States since the Spanish war.

The president and Secretary Hay have considered foreign interference in South America from all points of view and the policy is a fixed quantity.

The issue is in fact already made up. Here is the issue:

The president proclaims to Germany and to other foreign nations that they can collect just debts from republics on this continent without in violation of the Monroe doctrine. Violations of the doctrine will be resisted by the whole United States navy and army.

The following are the strength of the forces of Germany, Great Britain and the United States at and near the seat of trouble.

War vessels	10
Fighting men	1,725
GREAT BRITAIN.	
War vessels	19
Fighting men	3,050
UNITED STATES.	
War vessels	53
Fighting men	14,000

PARALYSIS OF THE HEART.

The Death of Minister Buck in Japan Was Tragically Sudden—Held in High Esteem.

Yokohama, Dec. 5.—Paralysis of the heart caused the death of United States Minister Albert E. Buck, which occurred Thursday. The end was tragically sudden. Mr. Buck was the guest of the emperor in a duck hunt on the Shinhaman preserves. A bird had been netted, and the minister, with a peculiar remark, started to reset the net. Suddenly he fell, and without a word or groan, expired instantaneously. He had suffered from a weak heart for some time.

Minister Buck was held in high esteem in Japan, and the flags on government buildings have been placed at half-mast.

Dark Day in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—For several hours Friday morning a heavy darkness enveloped downtown St. Louis, while in the suburbs the sun was shining. There was no wind, and the heavy clouds of smoke from the numerous factories settled over the city, turning day into night.

German Cruisers at Willemstad. Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 6.—The German cruisers Gazelle and Panther and the German training ship Stoseh have arrived at Willemstad, island of Curacao.

In Favor of Russell Sage.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 6.—In a decision handed down Friday the supreme court decided in favor of Russell Sage in the suit of George C. Glover to wrest a quarter-section of land in Swift county from the New York financier.

Former President of Brazil. New York, Dec. 6.—Dr. Prudente Jos de Moraes, former president of Brazil, died on Wednesday in Pindamonhangaba, state of Sao Paulo, says a Herald dispatch from Rio Janeiro.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

British Willing to Remove the Embargo on Cotton as Soon as the Danger is Past.

London, Dec. 6.—The board of agriculture has intimated its willingness to remove the embargo on cattle arriving from New England ports whenever the American department of agriculture considers that the outbreak is suppressed. The board, Friday night, issued an order permitting the landing of cattle under certain restrictions from the steamer Irishman, which has arrived at Liverpool from Boston; the steamers Kansas and Victorian, due at Liverpool from Boston, and the steamer Cambrian, due at London from Boston.

Meantime the importers here say that the quarantine has little effect on the American meat supply, since the bulk comes from the west, and it is merely a question of shipping the cattle by way of New York instead of Boston. Regarding the general question of opening English ports to Canadian and Argentine live cattle, there is not the slightest likelihood of the admittance of Argentine cattle until the board of agriculture is satisfied that the foot and mouth disease has been not only stamped out in the Argentine republic, but until the latter establishes an effective quarantine against the surrounding infected territory of which there is no immediate prospect.

On the other hand the importers say that the opening of British ports to Canadian live cattle is not only improbable, but if done, would not favorably affect the English meat supply, because it is cheaper to sell Canadian range steers in the United States and ship them dressed to England than to import them alive here to be fattened for the market.

GOV. STONE TO GOV. YATES.

Exceptions Taken to the Latter's Quarantine Proclamation.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—Gov. Stone has taken prompt action to raise the quarantine which has been ordered by Gov. Yates of Illinois, against Pennsylvania cattle on account of the foot and mouth disease which exists among cattle in the New England states. Gov. Stone wrote a letter to Gov. Yates protesting against his action and advising that there had been no such disease in this state since 1882; that there has been none in New York, and that there is none and has been none in New Jersey.

"To quarantine against Pennsylvania is to say in effect," continues Gov. Stone, "that the cattle of Pennsylvania are diseased or suspected. There is no shadow of truth in the assertion, and it will seriously injure the export of cattle from all the states, as they nearly all pass through Pennsylvania en route to port for export."

"The effect of your order is to say that there is danger of foot and mouth disease infection in the states around and close to the ports of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Your action may cause an unjustifiable scare that will injure the whole export trade in live animals in this country."

"The foot and mouth disease in the United States is confined to a territory within a radius of 10 miles from Boston. I hope that you will withdraw your quarantine order against those states not infected and against those the federal authorities find no reason to quarantine. By so doing you will not only undo an injustice to Pennsylvania, but you will also undo, in part, a serious injury to the export trade of the whole country."

The governor's letter to Gov. Yates is also signed by Dr. Leonard Pearson, secretary of the Pennsylvania state live stock sanitary board.

SMITH AND WEBER ARRESTED

They are Proprietor and Night Clerk of the Lincoln Hotel Where Fourteen Lives Were Lost.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Fred A. Smith, proprietor of the Lincoln hotel, in which 14 men were smothered to death, and Night Clerk E. C. Weber were arraigned in the Harrison Street police court, on the charge of being accessories to manslaughter before the fact. The men were arrested at the instigation of Coroner Trager and Chief of Police O'Neill. Alderman John J. Brennan signed bail bonds for their appearance, and they were in custody but a short time.

CARRIE NATION IN JAIL.

Gave Jointkeepers Trouble, and Was Run in For Disturbing the Peace.

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Carrie Nation is in jail on the charge of disturbing the peace. She was forcibly ejected from several drug stores, and one of the most prominent hotels in the city. Some saloons let her walk in, and as she was closely watched she attempted no smashing. Toward the last a hooting mob followed her, and other druggists and joints slammed the doors in her face.

Wireless Message for Edward.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—Marconi announces that he will leave Glace Bay, C. B., in a few days for off-shore experiments. The table head station, it is expected, will be opened within ten days, by Lord Minton, governor general of Canada, who will send a message to King Edward.

Charged With Murder.

Brainerd, Minn., Dec. 6.—Luigi and Ponnella Ruggiere were arrested in this city, Friday, charged with the murder of another Italian at Forsythe, Mont.

Had Blast at Rockford, Ill.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 6.—The Mead building, a five-story brick structure, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. It was occupied by the Wortham Bros. & Co., department store, and the Rockford business college. The loss is \$275,000; insurance, \$230,000.

Highest Possible Bowling Score.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 6.—George Hanley, of Detroit, at the Fellowcraft alley, made the highest possible bowling score, making 12 consecutive strikes, his total score being 300.

BLIZZARD IN THE EAST.

A Heavy Snow and Sleet Storm in New York Develops Into a Blizzard.

FROM PITTSBURG INTO NEW ENGLAND.

Heavy, Drifting Snow in the Anthracite Regions Necessitates the Shutting Down of Many Collieries—Storm Will Grow More Severe in New England.

New York, Dec. 6.—A snow and sleet storm delayed traffic in New York. Service on the elevated lines was seriously interfered with, and communication between up-town and down-town by means of the surface lines was very slow and difficult.

Dispatches from all parts of this state show that the storm is prevailing everywhere with varying severity.

At Albany the snowfall is very heavy, and all trains are reported from 1 to 5 hours late. The blizzard conditions prevail at Schenectady, Newburgh, Saratoga and other places in the east, and north part of the states. From Rochester to Buffalo the storm is much milder.

In this city the storm developed into a blizzard as the day grew. About an inch of snow fell during the forenoon. Sound steamers arrived several hours late, and their officers reported the storm very heavy up the sound.

Telegraphic service east of New York, to New England especially, is prostrated, and northward through New York state the service is greatly impeded by the wind and snow.

SNOW IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Heavy Snow and High Wind Plays Havoc With Communication by Wire and Rail.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The snow and wind storm which swept over the eastern part of Pennsylvania during Friday morning abated late in the afternoon. The fall of snow in this city and surrounding country amounted to about four inches, but the greatest damage was done by the high wind, which, at 11 o'clock, attained a velocity of 54 miles an hour. Telegraph communication between this city and Pittsburgh was practically paralyzed and suburban street car and railroad traffic was badly crippled.

During the height of the storm George Chiverton drove an express wagon into a trolley car and was instantly killed, and two persons received fractured limbs by the collision of two trolley cars in West Philadelphia.

In the anthracite coal region the fall of snow amounted to eight inches, but mining operations were not seriously interfered with.

STORM OF WIND AND RAIN.

The Most Destructive Storm Experienced in Hampton Roads For a Long Time.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 5.—The terrific storm of wind and rain that struck this section early Friday morning was the most destructive known in Hampton Roads in some time. One life was lost and numerous boats have been torn from their moorings and beached. Others firmly anchored have been filled and sunk.

The only victim known so far is a colored man who was drowned in Warwick county.

DENNY FOUND GUILTY.

The Seventh Conviction in the St. Louis Hoodlums Cases—A Two Years' Sentence.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Charles J. Denny, member of the house of delegates, was convicted on the charge of perjury by the jury selected to try his case in Judge Ryan's court yesterday afternoon at 5:25 o'clock. The verdict was returned after four hours and ten minutes' deliberation.

The verdict was delayed by one man holding out for acquittal until the majority agreed to the minimum sentence as a compromise.

The verdict came as a surprise to the defendant, who declared the worst he expected was a hung jury.

His Civil Rights Restored.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Edward Butler is no longer civilly dead. Judge Ryan, yesterday afternoon, in passing upon his qualification as bondsman for Charles J. Denny, reversed his decision of Monday, which restores to Butler the rights it had taken from him. Judge Ryan said that he had passed upon the question hurriedly, and had, upon deliberation, concluded that he was at fault.

Guilt of Attempt to Kill.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 6.—At Shawnee a jury found John Holmes, charged with an attempt to kill George and Martin Walker, his stepsons, on the night of February 15, 1902, guilty, and he was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at Waupun.

The Whites Leave Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Mr. White, the retiring United States ambassador, and Mrs. White left here at ten o'clock Friday night for Alessio, Italy. A large party of friends bade them fare well at the railroad station.

Dr. Henry S. Cutter.

Swampscott, Mass., Dec. 6.—Dr. Henry S. Cutter, composer and musical conductor, credited with introducing vested male choirs in this country, died here Friday. Dr. Cutter formerly was organist and choirmaster of Trinity church in New York city.

Queen Wilhelmina and Consort.

The Hague, Dec. 6.—The papers here allude to the probability of Queen Wilhelmina and her consort, Prince Henry, making a European tour next summer.

MURDEROUS ACTOR DEAD.

Barry Johnstone, the Actor Who Shot and Killed Kate Hassett, Dies from His Wounds.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—After lingering for nearly a week, Barry Johnstone, the actor who, last Monday night shot himself after killing Kate Hassett, a member of Keiths Bijou theater stock company, died Sunday at the Hahnemann hospital. Death resulted from peritonitis. At Johnstone's bedside when he died were his two sisters and two brothers, his mother having returned to her home in Syracuse.

Kate Hassett's murder and Johnstone's suicide were the result of the man's insane jealousy. Miss Hassett in private life was the wife of Everett Beckwith, a business man of Chicago. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hassett, reside in Aurora, Ill.

BLOODHOUNDS AFTER THEM.

Officers Capture Two Burglars and Put the Dogs on the Trail of Two More.

Red Key, Ind., Dec. 8.—The four men charged with the robbery of the McKinney hardware store, G. W. Smith's grocery and the Home restaurant, broke jail Sunday.

Charles Smith, of Peoria, Ill., and Charles Rogers escaped, but James Campbell, of Kenton, O., and James Carroll, of Pittsburgh, Pa., were captured after a chase of about two miles in the country.

Bloodhounds were turned loose on the trails of Smith and Rogers, and they were pursued within a few miles of Hartford City, but as yet have not been overtaken. The officers at Hartford City are on the lookout, and it is thought they will be caught there.

NATURAL GAS CAUSES RUIN.

Explosion in a Tannery Works a Loss of Over \$300,000 and Throws Out Many Workmen.

Ridgeway, Pa., Dec. 8.—The Eagle Valley tannery, at this place, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, caused by explosion of natural gas in the engine room. The loss on building is estimated at \$75,000 and that on the stock of leather and hides \$250,000 to \$300,000. The loss is said to be well covered by insurance. This tannery is in the Elk Tanning Co.'s district, which is identified with the United States Leather Co.

A large number of employees will be thrown out of employment. Rebuilding will be commenced soon. The bark stacked in the yards was not burned.

STEAMER BURNED AT SEA.

The Crew and Passengers Saved by Another Steamer and Proceeded to Their Destinations.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Dec. 8.—The Prince line steamer Tar Prince, Capt. MacFarlane, New York, November 10, and St. Vincent, November 23, for Port Natal, was burned at sea November 25. The crew and passengers were saved by the steamer Argyle, from Tyne for Algon bay. The crew afterwards were transferred to the liner Goth, Table Bay for Southampton, while the passengers proceeded to their destinations on the Argyle.

TWO SUICIDES IN ONE HOTEL.

An Indianapolis and a St. Louis Man Commit Suicide the Same Day in the Same Hotel.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 8.—Robert Killian, a musician, who recently came here from St. Louis, and Thomas Sharp, a young man of Indianapolis, committed suicide at a hotel Sunday. Killian took morphine and Sharp took cyanide. The latter was found in agony and taken to the city hospital, where he died Sunday afternoon. At about the same hour Killian was found dead in his room at the hotel.

HIS STORY SOUNDS FISHY.

Girl in Springfield, Mo., Found Shot in the Back, and Friend Says She Committed Suicide.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 8.—Anne McMahon, a domestic employed in a local hotel, was found dead in her room, Sunday. William Pittman, an employee of the 'Frisco shops, slightly wounded, was also found in the room. Pittman asserts that the girl in a jealous frenzy shot him and then committed suicide. Examination by the police disclosed the fact that the girl had been shot in the back. Pittman is held for investigation.

Heavy Fire Loss at Denver.

Denver, Col., Dec. 8.—A fire that originated in the savings vault of McPhoe & McGinity's planing mill, early Sunday, destroyed property estimated as valued at \$120,000.

Mexicans Must Take Silver.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 8.—The machinists in the shops of the Mexican International at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz have been notified that from December 1 they would be paid standard American wages on a gold basis; the machinists will get \$3.30 and the boiler-makers will get \$3.50 a day in American money, or in Mexican silver at the average rate of exchange for the month in which they work. This is an entirely new departure to Mexican railroaders, and was caused by the fact that Americans could not be held at the old rates.

An Annual Exodus.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The annual exodus from the northwest and the middle west of Scandinavians who return to the motherland for the Christmas holidays is unusually heavy this year. A special train that left Chicago for New York, Sunday, carried 600 of these excursionists to Norway and to Sweden. The train, which was elaborately decorated with the flags of the United States and of Norway and Sweden, carried a brass band. Practically all of the excursionists will return to the United States.

PATOS ISLAND OWNERSHIP.

Dispute a Century Old Which May Be Made the Cause of Strife With Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In Venezuela's yellow book for 1901, a copy of which has been received in Washington recently from the foreign office at Caracas, are the exchanges between the London and Caracas governments last year in regard to the ownership of Patos island, which has been in dispute between the two countries for many years. Significance attaches to this correspondence in view of the approaching crisis between Venezuela and Great Britain, as it is not improbable that in the settlement of the claims of British and German citizens against Venezuela the Patos dispute will again be involved. Reopening the Patos question was caused by the action of the Venezuelan gunboat Augusto, in January, 1901, in capturing certain British subjects on the island. When the Caracas authorities were called to account by the London foreign office the former replied by renewing their long-standing claim to Patos, and a diplomatic controversy extending throughout the year was the result.

Venezuela bases her claims to the island on its proximity to the coast of Guayana, from which it is distant only three miles, claiming that it is a tenet of international law that a country commands water within a marine league of its coast; that the international law institute has defined the territorial sea as six miles, whereas the island of Patos is more than ten miles from Trinidad, the nearest British possession; further, that the treaty of March, 1845, "explicitly confirms the title of Venezuela over all the islands near her coast, which were under the dominion of Spain in the initiative period of Venezuelan independence." In support of this contention, the Venezuelan authorities produce a letter from the royal Spanish minister for state in 1873, in which he denies that royal sanction never was given to the concession alleged to have been made to the ayuntamiento of Trinidad by the governor of Patos, Huevos and Monos.

Great Britain, through her charge d'affaires at Caracas, and later through her minister, advanced the contention that when she conquered the island of Trinidad, in 1797, sovereignty over Patos also was obtained and so recognized by the Madrid government; that Patos has remained in the peaceful possession of Great Britain for more than a century, during 70 years of which time Venezuela advanced no counter claim, and that the official map of Codazzi colors the island of Patos the same as Trinidad, indicating that both belong to the same country.

To this last contention Venezuela replied by stating that the map of Codazzi was so old as to make it impossible to distinguish the various colors, and produced other maps by the same author, which places Patos as belonging to Venezuela.

Being unable to agree upon even the minor points of the controversy, the British minister near the close of last year informed the Venezuelan foreign office that he would make no further representations in the matter, as there was nothing to be gained by continuing the correspondence.

It is understood that President Castro will ask that the question be settled by arbitration, a proposition to which the British government will hardly accede, in view of its contention that the ownership of Patos is so clearly British as not to furnish a suitable subject for arbitration.

More Cruisers at LaGuaira.

Caracas, Dec. 8.—The English second-class cruiser Retribution from Bermuda and the German cruiser Gasell from Williamstad have anchored at LaGuaira.

The Spanish warship Nautilus has also arrived at LaGuaira.

CONSUL-GENERAL NAST DEAD.

He Was Formerly Cartoonist for the Harper's, and Died of Yellow Fever After a Short Illness.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 7.—Consul-General Thomas Nast died Sunday at noon, after three days' illness from yellow fever. He was interred at five o'clock Sunday afternoon. The funeral was attended by the governor, the consular corps, the American colony and by many friends. The coffin was wrapped in the Stars and Stripes. The British consul recited a prayer in the cemetery. The death of Mr. Nast is deeply lamented by the natives, who held him in high esteem.

A Famous Cartoonist.

New York, Dec. 8.—Thomas Nast was appointed consul general at Guayaquil this year, leaving New York for his post July 1. He was born in Landau, Bavaria, September 27, 1840, and came with his parents to the United States six years later. As a caricaturist and cartoonist he became famous.

MURDERS HIS YOUNG FRIEND.

Benjamin Wagner, of St. Louis, Shoots and Kills His Nephew and then Commits Suicide.

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—In apparently a drunken frenzy, Benjamin Wagner, of No. 1204A Monroe street, a bundle wrapped in a large department store, Sunday afternoon shot and fatally wounded his nephew, David Bair, of No. 1116 Monroe street, a clerk in a Washington avenue wholesale house. He then turned the weapon upon himself with fatal result.

Bridal Robes as a Shroud.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 8.—An unusual ceremony was carried out here, Sunday, at the funeral of Miss Augusta Rueger, who dropped dead while serving as bridesmaid at the wedding of a girl friend, and who was to have been married herself next Wednesday. Miss Rueger was buried in the dress that was to have been her wedding gown, and her body was escorted to the grave by the three young women whom she had chosen for bridesmaids and groomsmen at her wedding.

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